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Application No.: 09/980,321)
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING TOWN GAS)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR RESPONSE WITHIN SECOND
MONTH AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request an extension for response within the second month whereby the response to the final rejection dated December 22, 2004 will now be due on or before May 22, 2005. The required extension fee of \$450.00 for a large entity is combined with a Request for Continued Examination Fee for a large entity in the amount of \$790.00 for a combined fee of \$1,240.00 in the form of a check made payable to the Director of Patents and Trademarks.

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Applicants hereby make a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application. Applicant encloses an Amendment in further reply to the final rejection

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and to the Examiner's Response to Applicants last communication. The required fee of \$790.00 for this request is submitted herewith as previously explained.

Kindly grant Applicants' request for extension of time for response and for continued examination, considering the following new amendments.

Kindly amend the claims as indicated hereinafter.